

Brazil City Common Council Meeting, March 11, 2008

Present: Brad Deal, Sam Glover, Bob Pell, City Attorney, Steve Lamb, Pat Heffner and Bill Lovett, Mayor Ann Bradshaw was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by Council President, Bill Lovett due to Mayor Bradshaw's absence. Pledge was recited and opening prayer was given by Pat Heffner.

Minutes were read by Steve Lamb and only approved after the following corrections were made: February 19, 2008, Mayor Bradshaw did not call the meeting to order as she was absent. Bill Lovett, President of the Council called the meeting to order. In the minutes it stated the time of the meeting was 2:00pm but should have been 7:00pm. Also it was noted Pat Heffner was not in the minutes as being absent due to illness. Bob Pell was in attendance but not noted. All in favor to approve since corrections were made.

There was no one present to take notes or record the meeting of the Common Council. The Clerk Treasurer was attending a meeting elsewhere and Deputy Clerk Tracy Webster did not show. A recorder had not been provided but Chief Terry Harrison did allow us to use his, however it did not work. The undersigned took sketchy notes and has recorded them to the best of my ability.

Bids for mowing of city cemeteries were: Lawn Sharks and Mullenix were the only bids submitted and Attorney Pell read the bids aloud. A motion to accept the Mullenix bid was made by Councilman Sam Glover and seconded by Brad Deal. All council members voted aye.

A Tax Abatement for the medical building located on the St Vincent Hospital grounds was passed. They were more than 100% in compliance. Steve Lamb made motion to approve and Pat Heffner seconded. All council members present voted aye.

The amending of ordinance 13 for fixing salaries of appointed officers and employees of the City of Brazil for the year 2008 was tabled due to Karen McQueen being absent. Councilman Sam Glover made motion to table and Councilman Brad Deal seconded. All council members voted aye.

Councilman Glover told the council that Pat Heffner, Michele Altman and himself attended a meeting with Jim Coffenbury last Friday to learn more about Tax Abatements and new companies coming to our city. Mayor Bradshaw, Pat Heffner and Sam Glover attended a meeting March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Clay County Courthouse with Jim Coffenbury and County Commissioners to discuss tax abatements and a request from Morris Manufacturing. All three attendees agreed it was an informative meeting.

Mr. Britton, an attorney, was in the audience and he talked to the council about Tax Abatements. He told the council that a new company, IBC, who is already established in our community is buying the old MI building to house their corporate headquarters. Mr.

Britton, after talking to the council was given the go ahead to draw up the necessary papers for a tax abatement to be presented to the council for approval March 18<sup>th</sup>. This will be the first reading and will have to be presented again for the second reading in the April council meeting.

Councilwoman Pat Heffner wanted to know how the city stood on the issue of people riding lawn mowers through high traffic areas, and referred to the letter to the editor that was in the paper Monday. Chief of Police Harrison said there was no ordinance that he knew of making it illegal. It was suggested we work on an ordinance regarding lawn movers, golf carts and other small vehicles.

Steve Lamb made a motion to have Attorney Bob Pell draft an ordinance for police officers hurt on the job to receive full pay paid for by the city for up to a year.

Michele Altman gave a lengthy oral report from the floor. Please see and read attached report.

Chief Terry Harrison gave a oral report from the floor. He stated the department completed National Child Passenger Safety Certification classes with a Car Seat Clinic at York Chevrolet. Brazil and should become a car seat distribution site again.

Motion made and seconded all in favor to dismiss.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at city hall. Park Board will be present.

Submitted by: Councilwoman Pat Heffner